

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service****Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permit for marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permit was issued.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted for this application are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203; fax (703) 358-2281.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Management Authority, telephone (703) 358-2104.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 25, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 60249), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Jordan Pearlman for a permit (PRT-058039) to import one polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport hunted from the Norwegian Bay polar bear population, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on November 26, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Dated: December 13, 2002.

Lisa J. Lierheimer,

Permit Policy Specialist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 18, 2002, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 19205), that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute for a permit (PRT-054026) to conduct scientific research to measure the sonar acoustic reflectivity of captive held Florida manatees (*Trichechus manatus latirostris*).

Notice is hereby given that on December 4, 2002, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*), the Fish and Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Dated: December 6, 2002.

Monica Farris,

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-060-1020-PG]

Notice of Public Meeting, Central Montana Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 15 & 16, 2003 at the Chinook Motor Inn in Chinook, Montana. The January 15th meeting will begin at 1 p.m. with a 30-minute public comment period and will adjourn at 6:30 p.m. The January 16th meeting will begin at 8 a.m. with a 30-minute public comment period and will adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in north central Montana. During these meetings, the RAC will discuss:

The sage grouse plan recommendations;

The outfitter moratorium on the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River;

The national RAC meeting held recently in Phoenix;

The council will set meeting dates for other meetings in 2003;

The RAC will meet the new Montana State Director;

Land exchanges;

The RAC will hear a scoping report concerning the monument resource management plan;

The BLM's 2003 project list;

The 2003 fire program; and

The council will consider recommendations from its Upper Missouri Visitor Use subgroup.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments as detailed above. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bruce Reed, Malta Field Manager, 501 S. 2nd St. East, Malta, Montana 406-654-1240.

Dated: December 17, 2002.

David L. Mari,

Lewistown Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[NM-010-1430-ES; NMNM 100202]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act Classification; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Sandoval County, New Mexico have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease to the Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District under the provisions of the Recreation and

Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District proposes to use the lands for an outdoor classroom and administrative site.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 20 N., R. 1 W., sec. 5, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.
Containing 15.00 acres, more or less.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Lease is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

4. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease/patent issuance.

5. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interests therein.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montano NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed lease or classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Albuquerque Field Office, 435 Montano NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for an outdoor classroom and administrative site. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with

local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for an outdoor classroom and administrative site.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 5, 2002.

Edwin J. Singleton,

Albuquerque Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Environmental Statements; Notice of Intent: Great Falls Park, VA; General Management Plan

AGENCY: National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice of Intent of a General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Great Falls Park, Virginia.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the impacts of alternative management strategies as part of a General Management Plan (GMP) for Great Falls Park, Virginia, a unit within George Washington Memorial Parkway.

The planning effort will result in a comprehensive GMP that encompasses preservation of cultural and natural resources, visitor use and interpretation, and necessary and appropriate facilities. In cooperation with local interests, attention will also be given to resources outside the boundaries that affect the integrity of the park. Alternatives to be considered include no-action, the preferred alternative, and other alternatives addressing the following major issues:

- How can the important natural and cultural resources be best protected and preserved, while providing for visitor use for present and future generations?
- What level and type of use is appropriate to be consistent with the

park's purpose, and to relate to the park's significance?

- What facilities are needed to meet the mission goals of the park regarding natural and cultural resources management, visitor use and interpretation, partnerships, and operations?

Public Involvement: Public involvement will be a key component in the preparation of the GMP/EIS. The NPS will be holding a public scoping meeting in the evening sometime during the months of November 2002, December 2002 or January 2003 at the Great Falls Visitors Center, to provide to the public an opportunity to present your ideas, questions, and concerns directly to the planning team.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine the concerns/issues that should be addressed in the GMP/EIS. Individuals unable to attend the scoping meetings may request information from the Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway at the address listed below, or by checking our homepage on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.nps.gov/grfa/>.

Comments: If you wish to submit issues or provide input to this initial phase of developing the GMP, you may do so by any one of several methods. In addition to attending scoping meetings, you may mail comments to: Audrey F. Calhoun, Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, c/o Turkey Run Park, McLean, Virginia 22101. You may comment via the Internet to

GWMP_Superintendent@nps.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include "Attn: Great Falls GMP Team" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, please contact Park Planner Debbie Feldman directly at telephone (703) 289-2512.

Scoping comments should be received no later than 60 days from the publication of this Notice of Intent. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home addresses from the record, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold from the record a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your